Compensation for the loss of fee income to Educational Institutions due to fee Concessions to Scheduled Castes/Scheduled Tribes and Other Backward Classes—reimbursement to students/Managements/Universities/K.S.E.E. Board and others—release of grants.

READ:—

1. Government Order No. ED 130 CSS 67, dated 14th March 1968 and as modified from time to time.
2. Government Order No. SWL 12 TBS 77, dated 22nd February 1977.
3. Government Order No. ED 61 CSS 77, dated 8th August 1977.
4. Government Order No. ED 144 CSS 77, dated 25th January 1978.

PREAMBLE:—

In Government Order No. ED 130 CSS 67, dated 14th March 1968, uniform rules were laid down for award of fee concessions at all stages of education including Post-graduate and Doctorate Degree Courses to students belonging to Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes and Other Backward Classes. These fee concessions were extended to them irrespective of (a) age, (b) income limit, and (c) the number of times they failed.

The students belonging to Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes and Other Backward Classes were exempted from the payment of the following fees:

For Post-SSLC Courses

1 Tuition fee
2 Laboratory fee
3 Library fee
4 Admission fee
5 Examination fee
6 Sports fee
7 Reading room fee
8 Any other fees approved by Government, The rate of fees shall be those approved by Government.
9 Marks Card fee

For upto SSLC Standard

1 Tuition fee
2 Laboratory fee
3 Library fee
4 Admission fee
5 Examination fee
6 Special Betterment fee
7 Audio Visual Education fee
8 Medical Inspection fee
9 Fees on account of VII Standard District Level Examination.
10 Sports fee
11 Reading Room fee
12 Any other fees approved by Government.
13 Marks Card fee

The term 'Other Backward Classes' covered hitherto Nomadic, Semi-nomadic and Other (former De-notified) Tribes only about 89 Tribes/Communities perior to the issue of G. O. No. SWL 2 TBS 77, dated 22nd February 1977. After considering the recommendations of the Backward Classes Commission's report, Government Order dated 22nd February 1977 has been issued covering about 300 Communities/Castes and Tribes grouping broadly under Backward Classes with an income of Rs. 8,000 per annum and further revised to Rs. 10,000 per annum and bel was per Government Order dated 25th January 1978 consisting of (i) Backward Communities (ii Backward Castes and (iii) Backward Tribes and 'Special Group' with an income of Rs. 4,800 per annum or below consisting of actual cultivator, artisan petty businessman, holding appointment in Government Service or corresponding services under private employment including casual labour and any person self employed or engaged in any occupation involving manual labour. This means the fee concession suddenly became available to a very large number of the student population. The Heads of Departments could not foresee the amount required for the year 1977-78 and 1978-79 and have forwarded proposals for additional allotment of funds.

Award of fee concession is primarily a measurement for the betterment of economically backward and weaker sections of the society. Hence, it is appropriate that the expenditure is met from the budget of Social Welfare and Labour Department and fee concessions are awarded through the Directorate of Backward Classes and Minorities which has been recently established to look after the welfare of Backward Classes.

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Sanction is accorded to place at the disposal of the Director of Backward Classes and Minorities, Bangalore a sum not exceeding Rs 4 Crores (Rupees Four Crores) for reimbursement of fees paid by the students during 1977-78 and 1978-79 eligible for award of fee concessions as per G.O No. ED 130 CSS 77, dated 14th March 1968 and as modified from time to time and G.O. No. E.D. 61 CSS 77, dated 8th August 1977 and further orders issued in this regard.

Students

2. Students who are eligible for concessions as per G.O. No. ED 61 CSS 77, dated 8th August 1977 and who have paid the fees starting from 8th August 1977 shall be reimbursed the fees from 8th August 1977. They should submit an application to the District Officer for Backward Classes and Minorities through the Head of the Institution in which they studied/or studying provided the same has not already been refunded by the Institution. The claim shall be submitted in the prescribed form appended to the Order The Head of the Institution shall forward all these applications either all together or in batches to the District Officer for Backward Classes and Minorities along with a certificate that these fees had indeed been paid. The original cash receipt proving the payment should be produced by the student and should be transmitted by the Institution along with the reimbursement application. Where the original cash receipt is not available, a copy certified by the Institution should be sent to the District Officer for Backward Classes and Minorities. The counterfoil of the receipt books and the relevant extracts of the cash book of the Institution concerned should be sent by the Institution to the District Officer for Backward Classes and Minorities. After verification, the District Officer for Backward Classes and Minorities shall make payments by Money Order to the concerned student directly if requested by the student in the application form. In other cases, where the student wishes to collect personnaly should produce identification certificates from the Institutions concerned.

Management—

3. The Management of Educationl Institutions are entitled to reimbursement where the portion of fees which they would normally have been entitled to has already been refunded by them to the students. Where the management has not refunded to the student, the student himself shall be entitled to the refund as per the previous paragraph. The management will have to produce sufficient proof in the form of payment voucher and the daily cash book which the District Officer for Backward Classes and Minorities will personally scrutinise to ensure that students found in these lists have not been paid directly to avoid double payment. The management must certify that they have not repaid these amounts to the students concerned and the District Officer for Backward Classes and Minorities shall certify on the bill before making payments.

Universities and Karnataka Secondary Education Examination Board.

4. The Universities and the Karnataka Secondary Education Examination Board may prefer the case directly to the Director for Backward Classes and Minorities for reimbursement of examination fees in respect of those who were actually exempted from the payment of examination fees. The Universities shall certify the list of candidates who have appeared for the examination without paying these fees. After being satisfied of the details, the Director of Backward Classes and Minorities shall make payment. The same procedure shall also apply for the Karnataka Secondary Education Examination Board.

5. All claims for reimbursement shall be made within six months from the day of issue of this order and that any claim thereafter will not be entertained on any scope.

6. This order pertains to reimbursement made for the period from 8th August 1977 to 31st March 1979.

7. The expenditure on the actual reimbursement shall be debited to "288 Social Security and Welfare-C-5. Welfare on other Backward Classes-A. Education-(a) Department of Social Welfare-VII-1. Reimbursement of fee-2. Money Order commissions towards reimbursement of fees.

8. Since the expenditure constitutes a New Service it shall be debited initially to the Contingency Fund for which separate orders will issue from Finance Department.

9. Separate orders will issue from Social Welfare and Labour Department laying down the procedure and other details for award of fee concessions from 1979-80 onwards.

10. This issues with the concurrence of Finance Department *vide* their U. O. Note No. FD 52 Exp. VIII/79 dated 6th February 1979.

By Order and in the name of the Governor of Karnataka,

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Education and Youth Services Department.